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2. Alphabetical Designators In connection with information contained herein, specific points of interest are

referred to in this report by the following alphabetical designators:

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- A. Entrance channel
- B. Forbidden zone
- C. Forbidden zone
- D. Pilot pickup and discharge area
- E. Berth
- F. Forbidden anchorage
- G. Two wrecks
- H. Tall factory chimney
- I. Lightship
- J. Dredging operation
- K. Dredging operation
- L. Dredging operation
- M. Limit, dredging operation
- N. Limit, dredging operation
- O. Limit, dredging operation
- P. Small factory construction completed
- Q. New factory
- R. Two new warehouses
- S. New powerhouse
- T. Floating drydock
- U. 120-ton floating crane - also ship repair dock
- V. Pol storage tanks
- W. Benzene and kerosene loading facilities
- X. Limit, warship berths
- Y. Limit, warship berths
- Z. Rumanian freighter
- AA. Soviet passenger ship
- BB. Two Soviet hospitals
- CC. Two hospitals
- DD. Soviet police headquarters

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3. Approaches and Pilot Data

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d. Pilotage is compulsory in subject port and is available day and night. [redacted] there seem to be about six pilots in harbor, one of whom is old and others of whom are new. They speak Rumanian primarily; [redacted] Service is reported quite good. Lightship is located seven miles east of end of East Breakwater, at designator I.

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4. Harbor [redacted] channel as 29-30 feet in depth and composed of mud and sand. Dredging operations are being carried on at positions J, K, and L, and area E to M. In good weather, dredge works on breakwater from N to O. Dredges are reportedly of Soviet manufacture, bucket-type dredges. [redacted] no ship with draft of more than 29'6" can be accommodated in this port.

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6. Harbor Craft Vessels at subject port use at least two, and often four, tugs, [redacted]. These tugs are described as in poor condition - even "near salvage." Power is from steam generated by burning diesel fuel. [redacted] Color of vessels is mottled gray or black. Dredging activity is reported in paragraph 4. One Soviet-manufactured floating crane of about 120 tons was observed at designator U. This crane works from N to O on breakwater during good weather.

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7. Berth

a. [redacted] designator E, along "oil dock #18," [redacted] describes as the best in the harbor. This "quay" is earth-filled and concrete faced with a width of about 200 meters at its mainland end, and 30-35 meters at its terminus. [redacted] its surface is approximately three

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it is ample for three ships. There are no sheds or warehouses on quay and even lighting is rather poor, only five or six lights spaced 100 meters apart serving entire quay. Fire protection consists of two closed and locked stations for each ship. Railroad clearance is as indicated on chart.

b. Fuel oil is loaded on north face of quay along area between designators E and M. Gasoline and benzol are loaded on south face of quay along area between designators J and L. POL products are pumped from railroad cars to vessels via three fuel lines per ship at a rate of 150 tons per hour.

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8. Construction construction of small factory at designator P is now complete. Another new factory is located at designator Q. Two large new warehouses are located at designator R. A new powerhouse is located at designator S.

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9. Ship Repair At designator T a floating drydock with a lift capacity of about 6-7 thousand tons is located. its dimensions as approximately 30 by 180 feet. it was occupied by a 4-5 thousand ton Rumanian minesweeper. this same ship has occupied above drydock for the past two years. Ship repair dock is designated U.

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10. Petroleum About 50 petroleum storage tanks are located at designator V. Before World War II there were 150 at this site. kerosene and benzol loading facilities are located at designator W. Other POL loading facilities are noted in paragraph 7 above.

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11. Naval Vessels Naval barracks are reportedly along East Breakwater from designator N to designator O. along inboard side of East Breakwater, two two-stack Soviet cruisers painted grey and equipped with radar. Also sighted at same location were three very old Soviet vessels with three stacks, grey color and radar. These are described as "smaller than cruisers." Ten to twelve Rumanian minesweepers and minelayers are reported along area designated U. Ten to twelve Rumanian torpedo boats were also observed. there were approximately 18 warships in all between designators X and Y.

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12. Merchant Shipping Among the 8-10 merchant ships were a six-thousand-ton Rumanian freighter loading material for Red China at designator Z and a 8-9-thousand-ton Soviet passenger ship at designator AA.

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13. Shore Activities strict security measures were observed; passes were checked in some instances three times between dock and town. Further, many areas of the town were forbidden food in subject port is both expensive and poor, the best being reserved for the Soviets.

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14. Miscellaneous

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a. described Soviet soldiers as "ignorant peasants." described Soviet officers as very well-tailored and military. they wear lipstick. Soviet troop concentration is estimated at approximately 200 thousand. Dependents of Soviet troops are estimated at 300 thousand.

b. Two large Soviet hospitals are located at designator EB. Two other large hospitals are located at designator CC. Soviet police forces headquarters are located at designator DD.

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[Comment] Three-stack vessels described in paragraph 11 are assumed to be "Aquila Class" destroyers. Two-stack "cruisers" are more likely "Regele Ferdinand Class" destroyers. If tonnage of freighter "loading material for Red China" in paragraph 12 is correct, this vessel may be the TRANSILVANIA (RM), whose port of registry is Constanta. Information re controlling depth as reported in paragraph 4 is considered of interest inasmuch as pre-World War II controlling depth was approximately 32 feet.]

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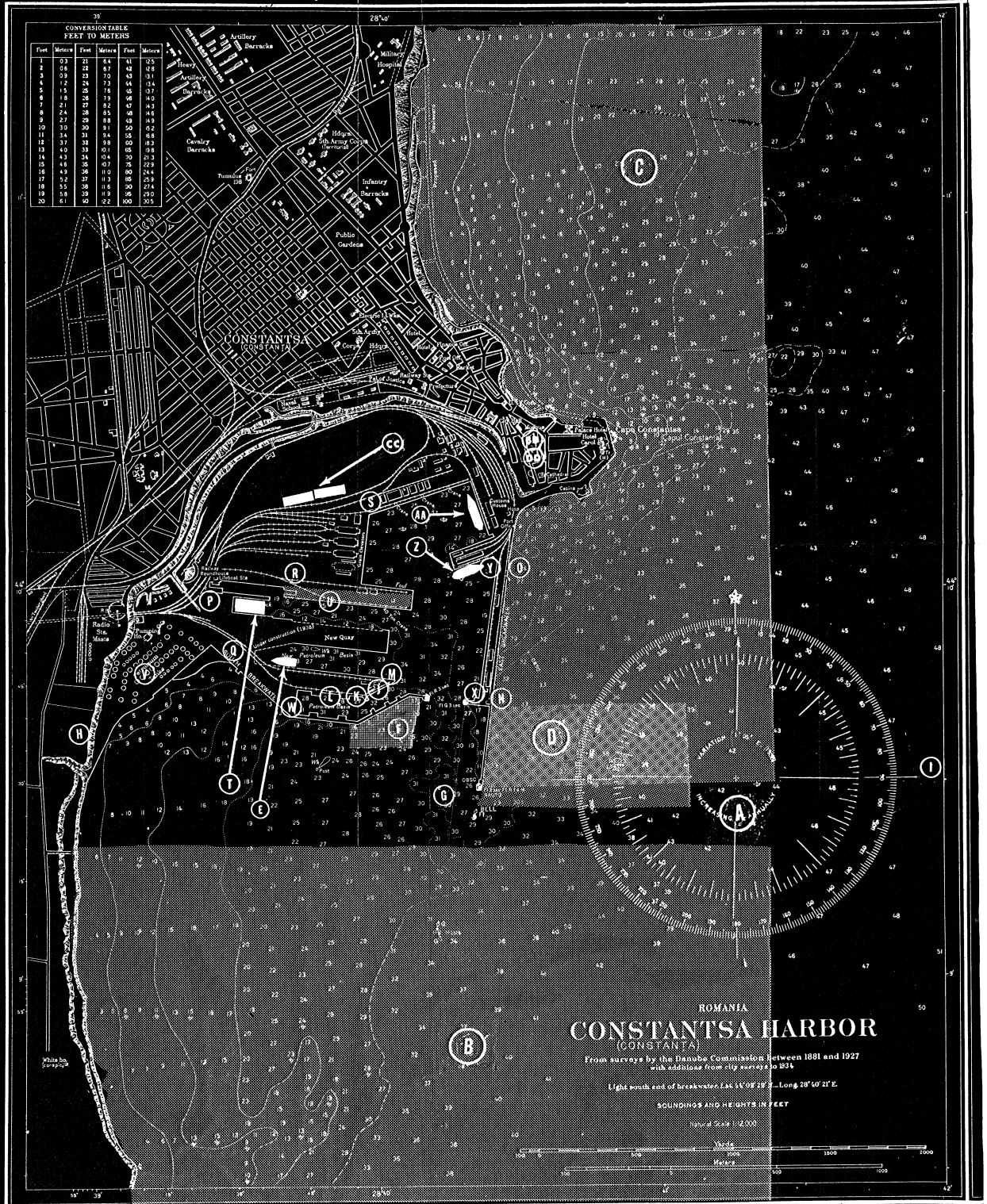
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F. Flash, Fl. flashing, Oc. oscillating, Al. alternating, Sp. Group, R. red, W. white, G. green, B. blue, see section (U) unwatched.  
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# PLANS IN THE B



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